

Appl. No. 10/084,489
Amdt. dated February 1, 2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 10-11, 16-17 and 22-25 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 10 and 11, and the indication that claims 3, 4, 16, 17 and 22-25 are directed to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 3. Applicants have also amended claim 16 to include the subject matter of claim 12. Likewise, applicants have amended claim 17 to include the subject matter of claim 12. The Examiner indicated that such claims would be allowable. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 12, 16 and 17 are allowable.

Claim 4 has been amended so that it now depends upon allowable claim 1 and thus, is allowable for at least the reasons claim 1 is allowable. Claims 22-25 depend, either directly or indirectly, on claim 1 and therefore, they are allowable for at least the reasons claim 1 is allowable.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now pending in this application are allowable and that the rejection of the claims in view of the prior art presented in the office action mailed November 1, 2004 are now moot.

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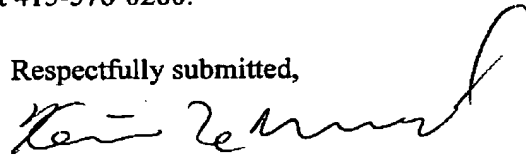
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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